

OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 76-43 (as amended)

Introduced by Councilman Cooper and Council President Freeman at the
request of the County Executive
Legislative Day No. 76-14 Date: May 4, 1976

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article IV of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION", subtitled, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS", by repealing and re-enacting Article IV, Section 407(a) thereof, to provide for the position and qualifications of the Director of the Department of Public Works; to provide for the Director's qualifications being broadened to include persons who are not registered engineers who have a combination of administrative experience and background in the management of public works and utilities for a period of at least five (5) years in areas comparable to the duties and responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Public Works had a responsible position in engineering management over a period of at least five (5) years prior to his appointment and he shall have a demonstrated ability to manage public works and utilities that will, in the judgment of the County Executive and County Council, qualify him to perform the duties and responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Public Works; and to further provide for the submitting of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection.

By the Council, May 4, 1976

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: June 8, 1976

at: 7:30 p.m.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and Title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on June 8, 1976 and concluded on June 8, 1976.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

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AS AMENDED

1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland,* that Article IV, Section 407(a) of the Charter of
3 Harford County, Maryland, titled, "ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION",
4 subtitled, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS", be, and it is hereby
5 repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:
6 Section 407. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

7 (a) The Department of Public Works shall be
8 administered by a Director of Public Works. He may be a
9 registered professional engineer licensed under the provisions
10 of the law of this State or any other state. He shall either
11 have had a responsible position in engineering MANAGEMENT over a
12 period of at least five (5) years prior to his appointment and
13 HE SHALL HAVE a demonstrated ability in the management of TO
14 MANAGE public works and utilities or he shall have a combination
15 of comparable administrative experiences and background IN THE
16 MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST
17 FIVE (5) YEARS that will, in the judgment of the County Executive
18 and County Council, qualify him to perform the duties and
19 responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Public
20 Works.

21 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted,* that before this Act
22 becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum
23 of the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance
24 with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at
25 the General Election to be hold in November of 1976. There shall
26 be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this
27 election the title of this Act, and underneath the title, on
28 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the
29 words, "For _____", and a corresponding square or box to the
30 right of and opposite the words, "Against _____", so that each
31 voter of the County may designate his or her decision for or
32 against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes

1 cast in the election are "For _____", the provisions of this Act
2 shall become effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) day
3 following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast in
4 the election are "Against _____", the provisions of this Act
5 shall be of no effect and null and void.

6 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that subject to the
7 provisions of Section 2 herein and for the sole purpose of
8 providing for the Referendum therein required, this Act is
9 declared to be an Emergency Act necessary to protect the health,
10 safety and general welfare of the citizens of Harford County and
11 to provide efficient and effective governmental services to the
12 citizens of Harford County by providing for the timely
13 appointment and confirmation of a qualified administrator as the
14 Director of the Department of Public Works.

15 EFFECTIVE: Subject to the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of the Bill,
16 DECEMBER 3, 1976.
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BY THE COUNCIL

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Date 7-16-76

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on July 16, 1976, for the purpose of providing for Referendum therein required and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

This Act, having been approved by a majority of the voters of Harford County, voting on the amendment (Question I) to the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, in General Election on November 2, 1976, stands effective December 3, 1976.

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AS AMENDED